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Data for October 2006
(Preliminary)

Economic Growth Region 10

Please Note: The Indiana portion of the Louisville, KY-IN MSA has been changed. The new configuration includes Clark, Floyd, Harrison and Washington Counties. Information in this newsletter includes Claims information, information on job openings and Labor Force information for the whole of Economic Growth Region 10.

*INDIANA ECONOMIC GROWTH REGIONS

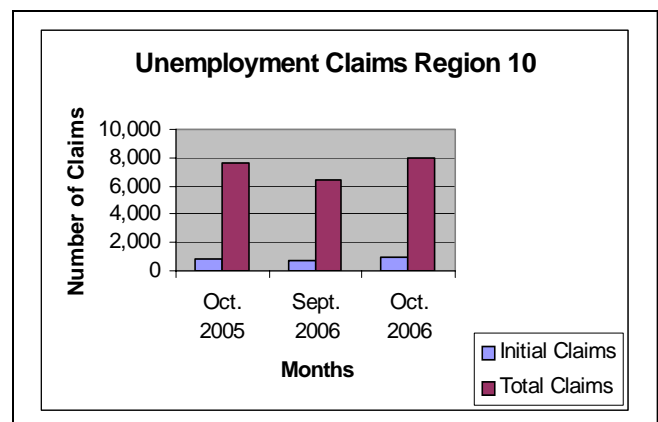
Indiana Workforce Development engaged Indiana Business Research Center to identify regions through a methodology that was both quantitative and qualitative in nature. As a result, eleven Indiana Economic Growth Regions were formed.

The counties in the new Indiana Economic Growth Region 10 are Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott, and Washington.

Beginning with the January 2006 data, the information in this newsletter will be only for the new Economic Growth Region 10.

Unemployment Compensation Claims The total number of unemployment compensation claims for October 2006 was 7,976 which represented a gain of 1,496 from the September 2006 figure of 6,480. The following chart and graph show the comparisons for October and September 2006 and October 2005. These claims were filed through the New Albany Department of Workforce Development office.

	Initial Claims	Total Claims
October 2005	797	7,605
September 2006	746	6,480
October 2006	942	7,976



**Job Openings October 2006
Indiana Economic Growth Region 10**

	Number	Average
	Of	Hourly
Occupational Title	Openings	Wage
Meat, Poultry & Fish: Cutters & Trimmers	23	8.88
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	21	8.67
Residential Counselors	13	8.00
Production Laborers	10	9.38
Truck Drivers, Heavy	7	15.63
All Other Machine Operators	5	12.00
Extruding & Forming Machine Operators	5	12.00
Helpers: Other Construction Trades	5	11.50
Salespersons: Retail	5	8.00
Tire Building Machine Operators	5	12.00
Truck Drivers, Light – Including Delivery	5	9.88
Automotive Master Mechanics	4	12.59
Concrete & Terrazzo Finishers	4	14.00
Construction Carpenters	4	14.00
First Line Supervisors/Mgrs. Service Workers	4	11.24
Helpers: Carpenters	4	14.00
Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN)	4	16.18
Nurse Aides, Orderlies, Attendants	4	8.69
Rough Carpenters	4	14.00
Secretaries – Other	4	11.01

The October 2006 Job Openings and hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 10 received during October. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software.

As of January 2006 the Job Openings information will be included for Economic Growth Region 10 only. As stated previously, this region includes Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott and Washington Counties.



LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision-makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>. Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.



LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	TOTAL			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	LABOR	NUMBER	NUMBER	OCT. 2006	SEPT. 2006	OCT. 2005
AREA	FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	Preliminary		Bench- marked
United States	152,397,000	146,125,000	6,272,000	4.1	4.4	4.6
Indiana	3,282,000	3,131,500	150,500	4.6	4.7	4.9
Clark County	54,740	51,890	2,850	5.2	4.9	4.6
Crawford County	5,460	5,155	305	5.6	6.1	6.3
Floyd County	38,460	36,550	1,910	5.0	4.9	4.5
Harrison County	19,820	18,790	1,030	5.2	5.2	5.7
Scott County	11,720	11,000	720	6.2	6.3	5.6
Washington County	14,410	13,610	800	5.6	5.3	5.3

Labor Force Data The Labor Force Data presented here is the most recent data available at the time this letter was prepared. The October 2006 data are preliminary data and October 2005 data are benchmarked data. Information for the United States, Indiana, and the counties that comprise Economic Growth Region 10 have been included.

As previously announced BLS had found errors in some of the employment inputs used in the sub-state estimates published earlier this year and decided to conduct a thorough review of all inputs. That review is now complete. The corrections to the data for January, February, and March 2005 had small to moderate impacts on employment and labor force levels and little impact on unemployment rates in most areas. The labor force, unemployment and unemployment rate data for 2004 presented in this release also reflects the corrections to the inputs.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY		
RANK – OCT. 2006	COUNTY	OCT. 2006 RATE
24	Clark	5.2
11	Crawford	5.6
32	Floyd	5.0
25	Harrison	5.2
5	Scott	6.2
16	Washington	5.6

Fayette County ranked 1st with a rate of 8.0% and Hamilton County ranked 92nd with a rate of 2.8%.



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